



# Cambridge O Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/11**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2020**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section 1: answer Question 1.
  - Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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### Section 1: Directed Writing

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this section: 30**

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

#### Question 1

Your uncle and aunt own a shop which is busy and successful. You sometimes help in the shop during your holidays. Your English teacher asks you to make a speech to your class about the shop and your experience of working there.

Write your **speech**. You must include the following:

- what kind of shop it is **and** what you do there
- why the shop is so busy and successful
- why working in the shop is a useful experience for you.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech interesting and informative. Start your speech: 'Good morning, everyone.'

**Section 2: Composition**

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the task you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.**

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

**Questions 2–6****Description**

- 2** Describe a very lively, noisy place you know and a very quiet one. (Remember that you are describing the atmosphere and any people as well as the places.)

**Argument**

- 3** 'First impressions are nearly always wrong.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** 'There is too much pressure on people to follow fashion.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

**Narrative**

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When they opened the jewellery box, they could not believe what was in it.'
- 6** Write a story in which a train ticket plays an important part.

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